CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 5472

National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program Reauthorization Act of 2006

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on September 27, 2006

H.R. 5472 would modify the Public Health Service Act to authorize funding for breast and cervical cancer detection programs. It would authorize the appropriation of $250 million a year for fiscal years 2007 through 2011. The bill also would allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services to waive conditions of grants to states under certain circumstances. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5472 would cost $98 million in 2007 and about $1 billion over the 2007-2011 period, assuming that the authorized amounts are appropriated and that spending for the specified activities follows historical patterns.

H.R. 5472 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. In some cases it would ease the conditions of grants that states receive for programs to detect breast and cervical cancer. H.R. 5472 would not affect direct spending or receipts.

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 5472 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 550 (health).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority[a]	202	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	202	119	29	7	2	0
Proposed Changes						
Estimated Authorization Level	0	250	250	250	250	250
Estimated Outlays	0	98	212	239	245	248
Spending Under H.R. 5472						
Estimated Authorization Level[a]	202	250	250	250	250	250
Estimated Outlays	202	217	241	246	247	248

a. The 2006 level is the amount allocated to the screening program for breast and cervical cancer.

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